

## **Breaking News:Deadline Extension for 2015 Tibbetts & SBIR Hall of Fame Awards & Astronaut Cady Coleman to Keynote!!**

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**BREAKING NEWS 1:** Due to the overwhelming response from the public we have decided to extend the deadline nomination submission for the 2015 Tibbetts and SBIR Hall of Fame awardees to Wednesday-April 15-2015 at 11:59 PM EDT.

Specific details on the nomination process, downloadable forms to fill out, and additional information on what to submit can be found here at: <http://www.sbir.gov/news/2015-tibbetts-and-sbir-hall-fame-award-nominations> .

Please note that for the first time, there is an option for nominations to be made by video presentation.

The deadline for either nomination is now 11:59 p.m. EDT, April 15, 2015.

**BREAKING NEWS 2:** [Astronaut Cady Coleman](#) will be the keynote speaker for the Tibbetts SBIR Hall of Fame awards ceremony at the White House on June 15-2015. Get your nomination packages in now and meet a real-life and amazing space explorer!

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**WASHINGTON** -- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking nominations for the prestigious annual Tibbetts and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Hall of Fame Awards. SBA administers the SBIR and the STTR programs, via 11 participating federal agencies, for small businesses seeking to advance their technological inventions in the commercial marketplace. The SBIR program is a highly competitive three-phase award program that encourages small business

explore their technological potential and helps them profit from their inventions and in turn encourage economic growth and development.

**Tibbetts Awards:** These are presented to those small businesses, support organizations and/or individuals who are judged to exemplify the best in the SBIR program. The award is named for H. Ross Tibbetts, acknowledged as the father of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. The award is presented to a company or individual that has leveraged the SBIR/STTR investment in a way that has generated a measurable return in value to small business innovation and the national economy.

There are two types of Tibbetts awards. One prize goes to businesses that have participated in the SBIR or STTR award programs. Another award goes to organizations and/or individuals who have not received SBIR/STTR funding, but who have contributed significantly in implementing the program and supporting program participants.

Nominations (**Self-Nomination is Permissible**) must be emailed to: [nominations@tibbettsawards.org](mailto:nominations@tibbettsawards.org)

**SBIR Hall of Fame:** Started in 2011, recognizes previous SBIR awardees with a long period of extraordinary success in research, innovation, and commercialization within the SBIR program. SBIR Hall of Fame winners include Intuitive Surgical, UltraScan Corporation, iRobot, Qualcomm, and Symantec.

All Tibbetts and SBIR Hall of Fame award winners will be selected by the SBA based on the recommendations of a panel of judges. The winners will be invited to an awards program held in conjunction with the annual SBIR National Conference at the National Harbor.

Nominations (**NO Self-Nominations**) must be emailed to: [SBIRHallofFame@sba.gov](mailto:SBIRHallofFame@sba.gov) .

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